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REPORT

TOPIC Military Activity in the Northern Portion of the GDR

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REMARKS

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1. At 1430 on 25 November 1954, a troop train of 12 boxcars with soldiers and 7 field kitchens, 14 boxcars with billeting equipment, 14 flatcars with timber, and an undetermined number of flatcars with 7 sedans, jeeps, 9 trucks, 2 repair shop trucks and 5 motorcycles was loaded at the Potsdam-Wildpark railroad station. The train went to Leipzig-Wiederitzsch. At 1345 on 27 November, a troop train of 11 boxcars with soldiers, 22 boxcars with billeting equipment, 4 flatcars with timber and an undetermined number of flatcars with 5 trucks, 3 repair shop trucks and 1 tank truck was loaded at the same railroad station and also dispatched to Leipzig-Wiederitzsch.<sup>1</sup>

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2. On 28 November, the Wildpark-West kaserne (2293) in Potsdam was occupied by a signal unit which was commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Zevakin (fnu), another signal unit of about 80 soldiers which belonged to the Kech office at Werder, and an air force unit. The signal unit which was commanded by Colonel Krutov (fnu) and included Lieutenant Colonel Svetkov (fnu), was transferred to an undetermined post on 28 and 29 November. The three buildings which were previously occupied by this unit were handed over to an air force advance detail. Lieutenant Chapak (fnu), leader of the rear detail of the signal unit, promised the delivery of important construction documents by 30 November.<sup>2</sup>

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3. At 1915 on 24 November, a train of 36 flatcars carrying 36 x 122-mm field guns passed through the Nauen railroad station. The train came from the east and proceeded toward Neustadt/Dosse.<sup>3</sup>

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4. Beginning at 1250 on 25 November, prime movers including 52-11 towed 18 x 122-mm field guns from the direction of the Schwerin freight station toward Goerries.<sup>3</sup>

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5. At 1100 on 28 November, a train of an undetermined number of flatcars carrying 18 x 122-mm field howitzers and 5 x 100-mm AT guns was unloaded at the Dallgow-Doberitz railroad station by soldiers who wore red-bordered black epauletts. The artillery pieces were picked up by trucks

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1. Comment. [redacted] the entrained units belong to the Rear Services of the GSFG and possibly came from the Adolf Hitler Kaserne (2287) in Potsdam. If the assumption that the transfer of the unit mentioned in paragraph 2 is connected with the entraining is correct, a signal unit of the GSFG possibly transferred from Potsdam to Leipzig-Wiederitzsch.

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2. Comment. [redacted]  
[redacted] For information on the transfer of this unit, see Comment 1. The kaserne was possibly vacated for reoccupation by an air force unit. Except for Lieutenant Colonel (?) Zevakin (fnu), all officers mentioned are reported for the first time.

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3. Comment. Previous reports indicate that the train is probably identical with a train which carried artillery pieces from Potsdam to Schwerin on 24 November 1954. The 34th Arty Div possibly turned over artillery pieces to the IX Mtz Rifle corps in Schwerin. On 18 November 1954, the division received 35 gun howitzers of 152 mm from the USSR. [redacted] The number of the prime mover possibly belongs to the 4th Gds Arty Brig of the corps which was probably the consignee. No definite conclusions can be drawn about how many artillery pieces of various type and caliber arrived at the GDR from the USSR and how many artillery units were newly equipped.

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4. Comment. [redacted]  
The artillery pieces either were consigned to the 2d Light Arty Brig [redacted] 1st Mecz Div. The shipments probably belong to the reequipment [redacted] which is commented on in [redacted] Comment 3.

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